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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT GIVEN INJUNCTION AGAINST DISMISSAL

REF: LILONGWE

11. (SBU) As expected, Vice President Cassim Chilumpha has been granted an injunction against his dismissal by the President, pending a constitutional review. As reported in reftel, the President had announced that Chilumpha effectively resigned his post as VP on February 9. Chilumpha's lawyers filed for an injunction against the move the same day, and the courts have approved their appeal. A constitutional review will be scheduled within the next 14 days to look at the case, until which time Chilumpha will remain vice-president.
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